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A BRIEF

RELATION

OF THE

Life and Death

Of ~~the late~~ Famous

Mathematician and Astrologer,

Mr. *VINCENT WING.*

MUSEUM BRITAN

TOGETHER

With his Nativity, as it was done, many years before his Death, by his own hand; And now, for general satisfaction, made publick.

By *J. G.* φιλομαθηματικός.

Quum Moritur vir, an revicturus est? Job. 14.
-----Et Mortuus adhuc per hanc loquitur. Heb. 11.

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To the Honourable *Edward Deering*, of *London* Esq; His *Majesties Merchant, and Receiver General* of his *Majesties Revenues* in the Counties of *Kent, Essex, Surrey* &c.

Honoured Sir,

NOt *only your acquaintance with the* Sciences Mathematical, *and the many profitable Labors of the* Industrious Person, *whose* Life *I here publish, but your known affection to all the* friends *of* URANIA, *hath invited me to this* address: *As also to return my humble thanks, for that you were pleased lately in a Company of* Giant-like, *yet* ignorant oppc-sers, *as well* Nobly *to favour the* Truths *of* Astrology, *as* courteously *to* own me *and my* meaner Arguments *in* its *behalf. In which* contest, *by your prevailing and* sinnewey Reasons, *you so far wrought upon their* Passion *and* Prejudice (*little than a* Miracle;) *that at length those angry* Opponents (*although some of them were* men *otherwise* learned, *and* Elderly *too*) *began ingeniously to acknowledge, that* they *had never heard so much* discourse of Astrology *in all their* Lives; *and therewithal frankly* engaged *to enquire into the* grounds *of that* Science, *before they believed any more reports against it.* A *good* president *for all that are* Enemies *to any* truth *upon the bare* hear-say *of others*; *or, because the* ignorant Multitude (*as* taught *by the supercilious* * Man in Black) *have* declaimed, *or rather* snarl'd *against it.*

*I mean only the Angry πλεοσδνλες Who of all men most emulates Astrology; and yet huggs an opinion an 100 times more ridiculous than any one principle thereof; nay, directly untrue; *Viz.* that of *Predestination* in the most terrifing sence.

it. Vox Populi *is not alwaies* Vox Dei; *And* Truth *is too* Coy *to be* courted *by the* Rabble-rout; *She hath* select *Favourites to whom she dispenceth her* Graces.

In your acceptance of this Dedication, *you will help to preserve to* posterity *a true* Son of Science; *One, whose* Industry *was such* that Ages will scarcely Equal. *And yet (Sir) not so much protect him, as that mean* Piece, *I have in, the following* History *drawn of* him, *scarce to the* Life *I confess. My* numbers *are too* immusical *to sound forth his* worth; *And my* Colours (*now like his* Ghost) *too* pale *and* lifeless, *to express his* great Deservings. *Mr.* Wing *was his own best* Herald; *And his* Fame *will* live *for* ever, *in his* own works. *What I have done, is only to pay a* grateful respect *to his* Ashes, *as he was my* friend *that* future times *may find, he had* some *who were* contemporary *with him, that knew how to* value him *and his* merits. *If therefore (Sir) you will vouchsafe* me *but a corner of the* Mantle *of your* Nobler Reputation *and* Favour, *for my* defence, *you will thereby, at* once, *keep Mr.* Wing *warm in his* Coffin, *and* cover *the many* imperfections *of* him, *who* (*thus endeavours to* embalm his memory, *against the* Flesh-flies *of* Envy *and* Detraction; *and*) *esteems it one of his* greatest Felicities, *that he hath an* opportunity *to entitle himself,*

Honoured Sir

From my study in Brick-Court by the Deans-Yard Westminster.

Your real Servant *and* Honourer,

J. Gadbury.

SOME

REMARKS ON THE LIFE and DEATH OF Mr. *VINCENT WING,*

Compared with his NATIVITY.

MR. *Vincent Wing* was born at *North Luffenham* in the County of *Rutland*, in the Year of our Lord 1619. on the Ninth Day of *April*, at Five Hours Forty-eight Minutes *P. M.* or Afternoon. He was a *branch* of an honest and virtuous *Stock:* as proceeding from *Parents* rather *good*, than *great*; who, with their *Ancestors* have been long seated in the said Town of *Luffenham*, en-

Mr *Wing*'s Anceſtors ſit came out of *Wales*, and ſettled at great *Panton* neer *Grantham* in *Lincolnſhire*, and neer 100. Yeares ſince Planted themſelves in *North Luffenham*, and as I have it aſcertain'd me from an honorable hand, there have bin of *them* in that place three Generations ſucceſſively, with himſelf.

It frequently happens that far greater Families oftner change their Seats; & ſomtimes, (in much ſhorter ſpace) do alſo loſe their Names.

joying a greater bleſſing in their continued and ſetled condition, than many others in the Multitude of Riches: A *fixed Habitation*, being even the mightieſt Mercy that *Fortune* can beſtow upon *Mortality*; and ſo characterized by *GOD* Himſelf to *Moſes* in the Mount. Whereas a *wandring* or erratique condition, or courſe of *life*, either in *Perſons* or *Families*, is, not only a *reproach*, but a *Curſe* to *them* that undergo it, and their *future Generations*. And this *Cain* in the beginning of time, and the *Jewes* ſince the *Death* of our *Saviour*, have, by a long and miſerable experience, found *certain* and *true*. But Mr. *Wing*'s *Family*, hath been happy above many *other Families*, in the inheriting ſo peculiar a bleſſing; and yet not more fortunate therein, than in the bringing forth this their *ingenious* and *induſtrious Son:* Who, from his own *merit* and endeavours, (with *God's bleſſings* thereupon) hath, not only preſerved, but much augmented the *Reputation* of his deſerving Predeceſſors; and ſo *firmly planted* his *Name* and Memory there, leaving to his *Poſterity*, an Eſtate and Fortune conſiderable to ſupport and maintain it, ſhould their after endeavours be wanting thereunto; of which, I am (credibly) informed, there is at preſent no juſt cauſe to doubt.

Where a *large Purſe*, or ample Fortune to a *Father* is wanting, the *Son*, though never ſo prompt and meritorious, muſt be content to miſs of a *liberal breeding*; and thus it fared with Mr. *Wing:* whoſe

whoſe *Lot* it was to be of capable years, and fit for *Learning*, even in the *worſt* of *times*; *Viz.* at the begining of *our late unhappy Confuſions:* When *Rebellion* was oppoſed to *Loyalty*; *Plundering* and *Free-Quarter* to the providing for, and *advancement of Poſterity*; The *Piſtol* and *Pole-Axe* to *Terence* and *Tully*, *&c.* And every *well-meaning Perſon* (though of a Fortune competent) had enough to do to *ſhift* and *provide* for *Himſelf.* In which unhappy, (and perhaps unheard of) Calamity, Mr. *Wing*'s beſt *Friends* and *Parents* ſharing, were the more diſabled for purſuing his *promotion* and encouragement in *Learning.* But although it was his luckleſs Fortune and unhappineſs, to want an *Academical Education*; yet ſuch was his *Natural Inclination* and *Propenſity* to an acquaintance with *Letters*, that by his *own Induſtry*, and *Study*, he had in time, conquered a competent Portion of Learning, *Viz.* A *perfect acquaintance of the Latine Tongue*, and a moderate underſtanding in the *Greek*, *&c.* By which happy advantages, the *greateſt* and moſt *critical Authors* and *Maſters* of *Aſtrologie*, and the *Mathematiques*, in their own Language, were no *ſtrangers* unto *Him.* From whence we may collect this true and modeſt Obſervation.—— "That Mr. *Wing* was "born a Scholar, although not bred, or made one; "and therefore preferrible before many Thou- "ſands that had the gainful advantage of an "*Univerſity Learning*, and yet were not there-

Mr. *Wing* wanted an Academical Education; and the reaſons thereof.

Dominus Aſcendentis applicatus Domino M. C. exiſtenti in ſua exaltatione, decernit Natum ex ſe ipſo honores cumulaturum. Argol. 134 p.

" with capable of *matching Him* in *Mathemati-*
" *cal* and *Aſtrological Performances*. So excellent is an Innate worth and glory, that all the external Paints and Floriſhes cannot ſo much as equalize, much leſs tranſcend or ſurpaſs it.

Yet let the *ingenious Reader* know, that I have no diſ-reſpect for the *Muſes*, or for ſuch, whoſe happy *Fate* it is, to *ſuck* at the *ſacred Breſts of Minerva*; as having the Schools of Learning in *Adoration*, and ever bearing a high honour and value for all thoſe that derive Science from them: And could heartily wiſh that our *Engliſh Univerſities* were ſo happy, as to *Nurſe* and *Foſter** only ſuch, whoſe *Genitures* render them capable of Learning what they always prudently teach; *thoſe* being the moſt probable of making returns of *Gratitude* unto them, and of founding forth to the *World* their deſerved *Honour* and *Fame*. How many are there that be conſtantly Educated in *Schools* of *Good Literature*, that for want of a *Genious* to cope with, and conquer *Science*, become rather the *Scorn* than *Honour* of *Learning? Of every Wood a Mercury* || *cannot be made*. If the *Flint* have no *Fire* in it naturally, in vain is the *Steel* applyed unto it, in hopes of procuring any. *Schools* of Learning being like unto skilful *Lapidaries*, who *poliſh* the *Diamonds* of our *minds*, and *underſtandings*; and ſet a radiant luſtre upon them, although we bring them thither *rugged* and *miſhapen*: (and thither we muſt bring them, or go without our errand.) And

* And I could wiſh alſo, that ſuch whoſe inclinations bend to learning, might be but ſo happy as not to miſs an Academical Education.

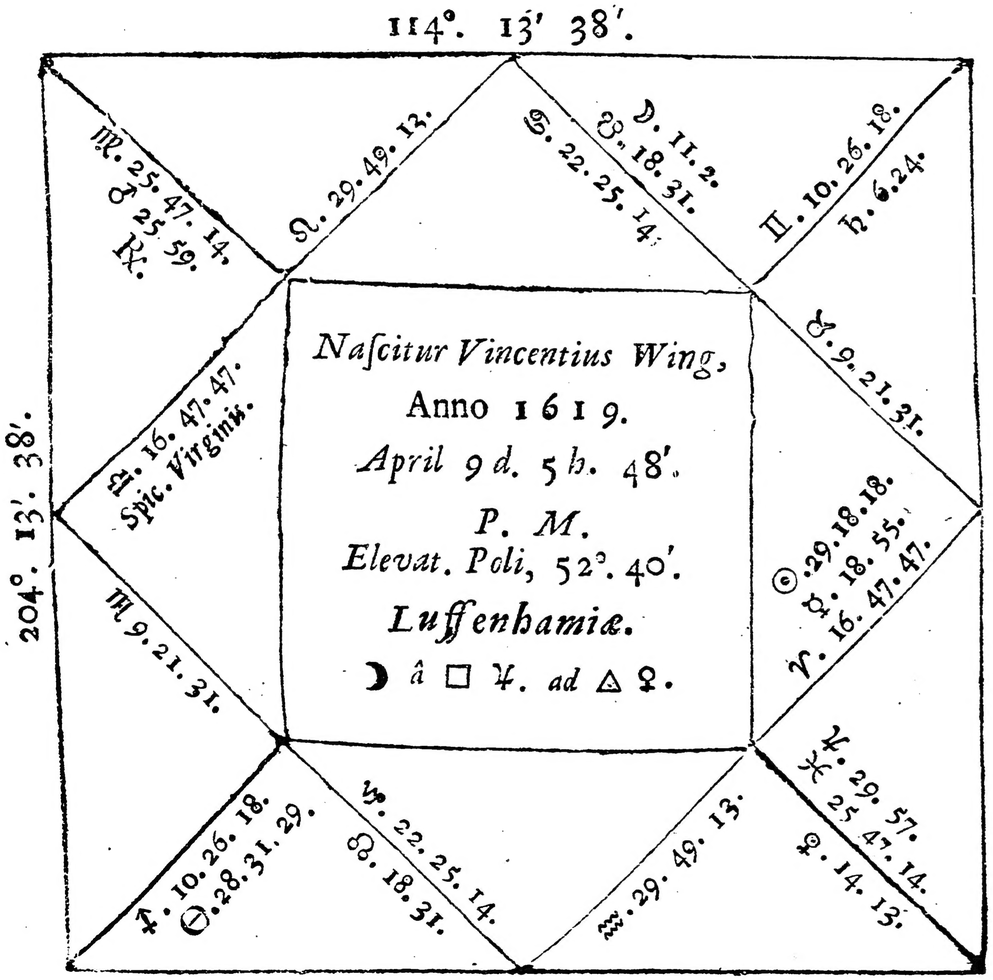
|| *Ex quolibet Ligno non fit Mercurius.*

And indeed, *Men* muſt have *peculiar Stars* for the attaining ſuch a peculiar *Favour* and bleſſing from the Hand of *God* and *Nature*: And being ſo furniſh'd, will in *time appear*, and ſhew themſelves, and *Dart* forth their *Native Splendor*, (like our Mr. *Wing*) although they ſhould want the *Embelliſhes* and *Poliſhes* of Education. (yet I ſay not all out ſo happily!) And if this our *deceaſed Friend* were ſo eminently *ſucceſsful* and *deſerving* without *them*, and *ſhined* in *his Generation above*, and *beyond* ſo *many*, that had the enjoyment of *ſuch* adorning acquiſitions; What would *He* have done, and how *ſpreading* would *His Fame* have been, if *His ſo rare Natural Parts* had met in Conjunction with *them?*

But becauſe Mr. *Wing* was an *Aſtrologer* and *Mathematician*, and that perhaps theſe *Papers*, may be moſtly inſpected by *ſuch* as are inclined to *thoſe curious Sciences*; I ſhall deſire, and expect the Pardon of the *ingenious*, if I ſwerve a little from *common Method* in the Writing the *Life* of this my *worthy Friend*; and here, before I proceed any further, inſert his *Nativity*, as it was curiouſly done by his *own* hand, and by *Himſelf* friendly communicated to me ſeveral Years || before He *dyed*: He being of ſo *generous* a *Mind* and *Courage*, and yet ſo *humble* withall, that, as he did not *fear* to *fore-ſee*, or *fore-know* any *evil* of Himſelf, ſo *He* was not elevated or *puffed* up with the thoughts of any preſcient *advantages* that were likely to iſſue to

|| See my Col. Genit. p. 2. where the *Scheme* therof is Printed.

him: but used his *Nativity*, and what he understood thereby, (as the *great Apostle* used the *World*,) as if he used it not. Submitting Himself (even in the best or worst of things, by it either promised or threatned) ever to the *guidance* and *governance* of that *Universal Power*, that ruleth *all things* by the wisdome of his *Providence*, even *God* blessed for ever!



Latit.

Latit. Planetarum.				*Antisc. Planetarum.*			
♄.	1°.	51′.	*Merid.*	☉.	0	42′.	♍.
♆.	0.	57.		♄.	23.	36.	♋.
♂.	2.	46.	*Septent.*	♆.	0.	3.	♓.
♀.	0.	20.		♂.	4.	1.	♈.
☿.	1.	23.	*Merid.*	♀.	15.	47.	♓.
☽.	0.	46.	*Septent.*	☿.	11.	5.	♍.
				☽.	18.	58.	♊.

The Fortitudes and Debilities of the Planets in this Nativity, you may behold in the following Table.

☉	is	strong	by	9
☽		strong		20
♄		strong		10
♆		strong		20
♂		weak		2
♀		strong		20
☿		strong		20
☊		strong		6

Testimonies.

Here are no less than *four Planets* Competitors for the honour of *Almuten* in this *Geniture*: *Viz.* The *Moon*, *Mercury*, *Jupiter*, and *Venus*: and truly, if I understood his *Mind* and *Actions* aright, he equally shared in their peculiar qualities and significations. For he wanted not the *publick Fame* and multiplicity of business that the *Moon* gives; nor the *Ingenuity* that *Mercury* bestows; nor the *Justice* and *Goodness* that *Jupiter* affordeth; nor yet the *harmless* and *pleasant*

ſant converſation, (to ſweeten the reſt, for without that all buſineſs is a burthen, and all knowledge a ſlavery!) that *Venus* patronizeth: But of this more anon.

Omar de Nativit. Lib. 2. Cap. 3. &c. Firmic. Lib. 2. Fol. 57. ad Mavort.

The *Sun* alone is *Hylech*, or *Propagator vitæ*, the Geniture being Diurnal, and he in an *Aphetical* place. And (being juſt entring *Taurus*) we may admit *Venus* the *Alchocoden*, or giver of Years: Or ſhould we (in reſpect of the *Moon*'s being ſo powerful in the Figure) admit her a ſharer in the deſigning of Life, (which is not altogether unreaſonable, but agreeable to the Opinions of *Omar* and *Firmicus*,) then will *Jupiter* be *Alchocoden*; which is in effect the ſame; for both their mean Years are *Forty-five*, and more they cannot give of themſelves in this *Nativity*; becauſe one of them is oppreſſed by *Saturn*'s *Quadrate*, and the other by *Mars* his *Oppoſition*: and although Mr. *Wing* lived beyond *theſe*, Four Years at the leaſt, that is to be attributed to the *Strength* of his *Nativity* in general, and not to his *Alchocoden*; which could not preſerve him above the aforeſaid number of Years for the Reaſons before remembred.

Saturn is the *Anareta*, or the Deſtroyer of Life in this *Geniture*; as being, Firſt, Locally placed in the *Eighth Houſe*; Secondly, As afflicting the *Lady* of the *Horoſcope*; Thirdly, As he is *Lord* of the *Fourth Houſe*, which Aſtrologically ſignifieth the *Grave*; Fourthly, As he is a *Planet* inimical to Nature. And accordingly when the *Sun*

Sun or *Hylech* was directed to his *Conjunction* or Body, Mr. *Wing* dyed.

And ſo I come to conſider of the *Nativity* it ſelf, and to compare it with the *Actions*, *Diſpoſitions* and *Inclinations* of the deceaſed *Perſon* to whom it appertained.

Stellæ fixæ irrationabiles atque admirabiles felicitates afferunt, &c. Ptol. Cent. Aphor. 29.

Herein you ſee that *Signum Juſtitiæ*, or the Cœleſtial Ballance is aſcending the Horoſcope, and the *Royal fixed Star*, μικρὸς βασιλίσκος, or the *Virgins Spike* ariſeth therewith: plainly demonſtrating Mr. *Wing* (according to the Rules of Aſtrology) to be *born* for an *honourable end* and purpoſe; and to do *great* and *worthy things* in his *Generation*; which he hath not failed to perform: thereby eminently juſtifying the influences of thoſe *Stars*, that (*Sub Deo*) have honoured him at his *intrat* into this World. The benigne Planet *Venus* is Governeſs of the *Horoſcope*, and poſited in her *exaltation*, in *Trine* of the *Moon*, and in a *noble reception* of *Luna* and *Jupiter*: all, of moſt admirable import and ſignification, as every underſtanding *Aſtrologer* knows. And agreeable hereunto, Mr. *Wing*, as he was honoured equally with *many* above his *degree*, ſo he merited ſuch reſpect; being a Man ‖ of a very *juſt* and *pious* frame and *temper*; generally *even humored*: at ſometimes he would admit of *facetiouſneſs* without *ſcandal*, *affability* without *injury*; and did a little delight in a free and harmleſs converſation; being neither *too auſtere* on the one hand, or *too vain* and fruitleſs on the other.

Spica Virginis in Aſcendente, dignitates altas impartitur, &c. Ptol. Parv. p. 131.

‖ *Dominus decimæ in nona, Natus erit honeſtæ vitæ.* Argol. p. 42.

Venus honeſtè poſita, ut in ſuis dignitatibus, cum Luna, &c. Honeſtos mores, & laudabiles decernit. Argol. 116. p.

other. But (like his *Horoſcope*) was equally *poiz'd* between both, and yielded to *neither extream*. He was ſcarcely known to *envy* any man, (and do you not ſee that *Mars* is the weakeſt Planet in the *Scheam?*) *as if he had wanted Choler to awaken Revenge, or to create a paſſion:*) but, on the contrary, was *kind, reſpective* and *obliging* to *all men:* even to his *enemies*, (as the Holy Rule enjoyns) if they were not, beyond the line of *reaſon*, malicious and provoking. He was nothing *ambitious* or *inſulting*, but rather *meek* and *humble*, and always apt to *depreciate* himſelf. He was never *diſtruſtful* or *ſuſpicious* of others, becauſe *free* from the *taint* of thoſe *qualities* himſelf, and always *virtuous*, and *true hearted*. Theſe are the natural ſignifications of ſuch happy and Heaven-favouring *Poſitions*, together with their *genuine verifications*. And the better to enforce and make good all this that we have ſaid, (and more) it is *obſervable*, that the Noble *Trine* of the *Moon* and *Venus*, &c. before ſpoken of, is made from thoſe *two Planets* greateſt dignities, *Viz.* that of *Aſtrologers* called *Houſe* and *Exaltation*; which gave Mr. *Wing* a more curious frame of *Soul*, and a better opportunity and means to ſhew the *excellency, integrity, activity*, and *evenneſs* thereof, than if ſo glorious an *Aſpect* had proceeded from *weaker* parts of the *Heavens:* I mean, from ſuch *parts* or *places* wherein thoſe *Planets* had leſs *delighted*, or had been more *meanly* and *poorly*

All Rutlandſhire, Northamptonſhire, and the Countreys round about, give this general good & commendable Character of him; as any that pleaſes, may more particularly inform themſelves from any of the Gentry of thoſe Countreys, as my ſelf have done before the writing hereof, becauſe I would publiſh nothing but truth concerning him.

poorly dignified. Thus we ſee by experience, that the *Dignities* of the *Planets* are no *vain* and *idle things*; and that we ought to eſteem more of them, than of *Chimera's*, or Caſtles in the Aire. I could produce a great many parallel inſtances, but this is ſo certain and undoubted a truth, that it needs not.

From this admirable *Trine*, and it's happening, (not only in the Dignities of the *Planets* Trining, but) in the Dignities of the benevolent Planet *Jupiter*; (the *Patron* of *things Divine*, &c.) proceeded that *great* and *unfeigned Love, Duty*, and *Reverence*, which Mr. *Wing conſtantly paid to Religion, and to the ſervice of God:* being always known for a *true* and *zealous frequenter* of the *Church*, and an *adorer* of the *Clergie*; eſteeming *them* the moſt worthy of *Honour* and *Reverence*, that *God* himſelf had been pleaſed to *commit* the *charge* of his moſt *honourable* and *valuable Jewels* in the *World unto*; even the *Souls of Men*. He was indeed ſo much, and ſo great a *votary* to *Religion* and *Piety*, that *many* of the *Almanacks* he annually wrote, were in a manner *Sermons*, or *Expoſitions*, or *Applications* of ſome uſeful Texts of *Scripture*; encouraging *People* by the *Word of GOD*, as well as by the *Works of God*, to follow that which was *Religious*, *Laudable, Good* and *Profitable*. By which ingenious and *pious practice* of his, we are made happy in the acquaintance of this great truth, (againſt the *perverſe, wilful, obſtinate*,

Luna in None, Nato religioni addicit. Argol. p. 140.

Quum ☿ & ♀ &c. ſunt ſignif. diſpoſitionis Animæ, Naturæ erit ſimplex, amans nitiditatem, & magiſteriam, atque rerum inveſtigationes,—— eritque bonæ qualitatis animæ, pius, ſani cordis, Deum amabit, & illi ſerviet, cupiet etiam amore Dei, laborioſus eſſe, erit ſenſatus, & amans, humilis, &c. Ptol Quadrip. lib. 3. cap. 13.

ſtinate, unreaſonable and *crooked Opinions* of the *Enemies* to all *Stary Learning.*) *That a Man may be a good Chriſtian, and yet an Aſtrologer: and, that Divinity and Aſtrologie, to a ſober and unprejudiced underſtanding, are not incompatible:* there being no ſuch *antipathy* between the *Word*, and *works* of *God*, (or thoſe that *ſtudy* the *one*, and the *other*, as Naturaliſts tell us, there is between the *Sun* and *Rue*, or the *Vine* and *Colewort*,) but that they may well ſtand and grow together. *Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei.* Pſal. 19. verſ. 1.

Rue, or *Herb-grace*, delights not to grow in the Face of the *Sun*, although he be the Life of all living things: and this any *Gardner* will tell you.

He was a Perſon of a very *ready*, *ripe*, and *pregnant wit*; and had *good judgment* and *memory* thereunto annexed: [The want of the *later* of which was a defect, that the learned Doctor *Hammond* exceedingly bewailed in himſelf, ſaying, that it was eaſier for him to Pen *twenty Sermons*, than to get *one* by heart.] What Mr. *Wing* read was his own; and thence he began to be a *Mathematician* || in his *younger years*, being capable of underſtanding all the parts of *Arithmetique*, of the ſeveral ways uſed in *Surveying Land*, *Meaſuring* all ſorts of *heights* and *diſtances*, &c. As alſo of making all kinds of *Dyals*, with many other neat and commendable acquirements, by that time he was but *Eighteen Years of Age*; as I have often heard *Himſelf*, as well as *others* report. So that in a ſence, it may be ſaid of him, as it was of the Holy St. *Remigius*, and the great Doctor S. *Thomas Aquinas*,—— *That from*

|| ☿ *in domo Mercurii, dat Scientias.* Ptol. parv. p. 34. *Decima ſeptima pars* ♎. *Si in horoſcopo fuerit inventa* ☿ *& ☽ bene poſita, ad benevolas plena lumine feratur Literatos facient &c. Firmicus.* Lib. 8. Cap. 21.

from the time of his firſt capacity of Learning, he out-ſtripped thoſe that were much his Superiours in Age, and (I may juſtly add) *in Education alſo.*

And truly, he had need be naturally ingenious, that attempts ſuch *lofty*, *crabbed*, *coy*, and *difficult ſtudies* at any time, much more in his *Juvenile Years:* When the *Feather* of *Youth* is *high* and *ſpreading*, and principally waves us to *vanities*; ſeldome ſuffering our *inclinations* to reach after *ſerious* or *weighty things*; they being as contrary thereunto, as *Blood* to *Melancholy*, *Heat* to *Cold*, *Winter* to *Summer*, &c. But this Mr. *Wing* was born * to prove the *Influences* of the *Stars certain* and *true*; and by an apt demonſtration in himſelf to ſhew us, *That the God of Stars is not tyed to the meaner methods and obſervations of Men, or to his own ordinary way of working; but purſues the Rules of his own good will and pleaſure, varying from his common courſe, how, and when, and as oft as he pleaſeth.* Thus *he* can *ſatisfie* the *ſtomach* (beyond Man's reaſon) without *food*; the *Thirſt* without *Wine*; and *feed* our *intellectuals* alſo (if he vouchſafe it) without *inſtruction* of *Books* or *Letters.* 'Tis his *Prerogative peculiar*, to make *ſtrong* things of *weak*; and *excellent* things, of things *contemptible* and *deſpiſed*; an *Age* in *Youth*; and contrariwiſe, a *Childiſhneſs* in *elder* years; and by this *his fooliſhneſs*, ſometimes to *amaze*, othertimes to *deſtroy*, the *wiſdom of Men.* Thus, to

* *Aſtrologus naſcitur, non fit.*

matth. cap. 15. verſ 36, 37. 1 Cor. c. p. 1. verſ. 25, 26.

declare his *Omnipotence*, he is pleased to *raise Ventidius*, (though of a very *low* and *mean extraction*) to the *greatest honour* and *dignity* in *Rome*: And to make *Cicero* (whose *Parentage*, or *Original*, if *story* may be credited, was *scarce known*) *Pater Patriæ*, the *Father of his Country*. And thus by *God's especial favour* and *benignity*, is Mr. *Wing* raised, from an *indifferent degree* and *quality*, to be a *Reputation* to his *Country*, and a *promoter* of the *severer Sciences*. And from them, to an *equal honour* (for indeed *He* hath taken *more* than *equal pains*) with the admirable and ingenious *Kepler*; with the ever celebrated *Alphonsus*, with the renowned *Ticho Brahe*; with the *immortal* and ever glorious *Julius Cæsar!* with all which *illustrious* and *famous Persons*, *his Name* and *Memory* will for *ever shine* in the *treasury* and *bibliotheck* of *Fame*; for his indefatigable and admired *Industry*, *Acquisitions* and *Performances*, in all *Mathematical*, and *Astrological Learning*.

Dominus medii Cæli in suis dignitatibus applicatus dominos Ascendentis Orientalis honores in regno pollicetur, & Principum familiaritatem Arg. p. 134.

Sol in Cusp de septimæ tribuit honores, & gloriam post mortem. Ptol. par. p. 132.

Canis Syrius, sicut Procyon in medio Cæli, (as here) dat honores magnos. &c Ptol. par. 131.

Gradus medii Cæli exaltatio Jovis (I am sure it is neer it) *Celebre nomen diffundit.* Argol. p. 132.

☿. Motu velox facit expeditos in inventionibus & rationibus.

Bene dispositi Mercurius, & Mars faciunt ingenio acutissimo. pag. 137.

To fit him with a *Soul* for these *illustrious enquiries* (for such they are) he had, in his *Nativity*, a noble reception of *Mars* and *Mercury*, (and *Mercury* swift in motion) and this by the *dignity* of ~~the~~ *House*, *Viz.* the *greatest* that can be: and such that *Astrologers* generally account equivalent to a *Sextile* or *Trine* Aspect of them: and the *Moon* (which is the Conveyer of all the other *Planets* influxes to this our *Terrene Star*) is hastning to an *Aspect* of them both. Which (in

(in an *Astrological* sence) forceth the *imagination*, *fancy* and *ingenuity* of a *Person* (pardon the expression, for it is very true,) that is *so born*, beyond the *common rate* of *exertion*, and *ripens* the *mind* (with all its faculties) in so *celerous* and *active* a manner, that it affordeth a *Harvest* of *Wit* and *Judgment* in *such Men*, before there will be an appearance of a *Spring* in *others*, that shall unfortunately want these *forwarding Configurations*. And thus it cometh to pass, that some Persons are so *prodigiously*, and to a *Miracle* illuminate, and afford great *Crops* of *Art* and *Learning*, before *others* of more *tenebrous* and *Cloudy Souls*, can *put forth* either *Leaf* or *Blossome*.

Thus it was apparent in the *Nativity* of that Reverend *Prelate*, the late Lord Primate of *Ireland*, Doctor *Usher*, (whom *Paulus Testardus* justly stile, *Seculi, & Ecclesiæ decus eximium, the greatest honour of the Church and Age*) who, having such a Configuration in his Geniture, was so active and forward in his *studies*, that (the History of his Life saith) he was created *Master of Arts* at *Twenty Years of Age*. Thus also, the late Reverend *Bishop* of *Durham*, Doctor *Morton* (from the same Reason in his Nativity) was *learned betimes* in comparison of many others, as is recorded in the *History* of his *Life*. So also the late Learned Doctor *Hall*, Bishop of *Norwich* (being born when *Mars* and *Mercury* were in *Trine* Aspect,) was known to be *Master* of as large

See the History of his Life.

Vide my *Collectio Genitu arum.* p 2. Where all their Nativities a e to be found.

large and ſpreading *intellectual abilities*, as any *learned* in the *whole World:* Witneſs the ſeveral incomparable *Pieces* he wrote, and left behind him in Print; eſpecially that learned and pious Treatiſe, entituled his *Contemplations*. Thus likewiſe, the moſt learned and acute *Phyloſophers*, *Henry Cornelius Agrippa*, and *John Baptiſt Morine*, &c. whoſe noble *Genitures* ſhewed the ſame worthy configurations: and who more nimble, and fortunately forward in all kind of *learning than they?* Infinite *numbers* more could I inſtance in, who (as theſe already mentioned, with our Mr. *Wing*, enjoying ſuch excellent and beneficial rayes of the *Stars*,) have been as *Comets* in the *Ages* they lived and flouriſhed in, attracting the *Eyes* and *Wonder* of *all Men* towards *them*, for their *great* and *fortunate parts* and *performances*: but theſe *few* are *ſufficient*.

* See his Nativity, as done by himſelf in his *Aſtrologia Gallica*.

By this we are inſtructed how *God Almighty in his wiſdome hath ſuited and proportioned all inferiour actions, Perſons and things, to the motions and configurations of the Heavenly Bodies: and how much it makes for the honour of his Majeſty, that all temporary productions are ordered and diſpoſed of, by this Cœleſtial Clork-work; as it hath pleaſed him to appoint and ordain at the firſt.*

From this happy *reception* of *Mars* and *Mercury*, together with the *Moon*'s configurations with *them*, (of which before you have heard) It is obſervable,—That Mr. *Wing* was, not only capable

capable of *knowledge* and *underſtanding*, &c. but was therein very *communicative* and *diffuſive*. He hated to *hide* his *Talent* in a *Napkin*; or *covetouſly* to *cloyſter* up that *Science* which *He* ſo happily (above *many thouſands* of others) had *attained* unto, and was *bleſſed* with all. He was *freely willing* and *ready* to impart any thing (let it be never ſo curious and choice a ſecret) to any *ingenious Perſon* or *Son* of *Urania*; and hath often *publickly profeſſed, that it was his great diſcontent and trouble, if at any time in his writings he thought he had not been plain, even to the meaneſt, or moſt ordinary, or coſtive underſtanding.* Math. 25. & 25.

And (to go a little further in this Argument.) *theſe configurations* did, not only give *him* a great love unto, and a delight in *knowledge*, but a *ſtrength* of *mind*, and *ability* of *Body* for the ſame. Thus was he fitted for *travelling* thorow the moſt *crooked* and *crucifying* parts of *Aſtronomy*, &c. As thoſe, of the *reſtoring* the (moſt hard to be found) *places* of the *two* moſt *Critical Planets* in the Heavens, *Mars* and || *Mercury*.

|| See his excellent Tables (in his *Aſtronomia Inſtaurata*, and *Harmonicon Cœleſte*,) of theſe Planets motions: As alſo his *Aſtronomia Britanica*, lately publiſhed.

He had (in all reſpects) an *active Geniture*: and accordingly hated *ſlothfulneſs* and *idleneſs* with a perfect hatred; accounting it a *ſhame* and *error* for any *Man* to *foſter* or *cheriſh* ſuch *contemptible iſſue*: or to think that *he* was created, or brought forth into the *World* for ſo *deſpiſed* and *inglorious* an *end*. And was therefore ſo *frugal* of his time, (like the *Thuſcan Philoſo-*

phers, that thought the *loſs of a Day irreparable*;) as, not only, not to miſ-employ or miſpend any the ſmalleſt part or portion thereof, (after he was of capable and underſtanding Years,) but very prudently and advantagiouſly, to *improve* every *little Minute*; *making his Books his recreations, and his ſeverer and waſting Studies, his Pleaſures.*

If *he* were of any thing *covetous*, it was of *knowledge*: being indeed ſcarcely ever ſatisfied therewith; making it his *buſineſs* to frequent the *Company* * of the *moſt learned* and *excellent Men* when he came to *London* at any time, and ſo to ſpend his time; whereas *others* generally turn ſuch *journeys* into *pleaſure* and *recreation*: And truly ſo did Mr. *Wing* too. For *ſuch converſe* was his ſoul-ſatisfying delight; his *Mind* being principally placed upon ſuch a *felicity*. Thus did Mr. *Wing* conſtantly (both abroad and at home) labour after the *diſcovery* of the *moſt myſterious* things in *Aſtrologie*, *Geometry*, *Algebra*, *Trigonometry*, and all other parts of *Mathematical Learning*.

* And of this I have had the happineſs, of being more than once or twice, a witneſs.

But Mr. *Wing* did not labour after this toylſome manner, (Churl-like) only to ſatisfie and *pleaſe himſelf*, but to *profit* and advantage *others*. And to this purpoſe, after his many years painful labours, and a *conſuming* of himſelf in *ſtudy* and *buſineſs*; he hath publiſhed to the *World* theſe ſeveral Books following.

1. His

1. His *Urania Practica*, or Practical Aſtronomy.
2. *Harmonicon Cœleſte*, or the Harmony of the Viſible World.
3. *Aſtronomia Inſtaurata*, in four parts.
4. Ephemerides of the Cœleſtial motions for 20. Years; with an excellent Introduction to the knowledge of all Mundane Alterations.
5. An ingenious Treatiſe of Surveying.
6. *Examen Aſtronomiæ Carolinæ*, in his own Defence.
7. *Aſtronomia Britannica*, written in Latine, now in the Preſs, and almoſt ready to be publiſhed.
8. *Computatio Catholica*; an excellent Treatiſe, now almoſt (alſo) ready to be publiſhed: Beſides his Annual Labours, which always tended to the utility of the ingenious *Aſtrologers*, and *Mathematicians*.

In which Pieces of *Aſtronomy*, he hath moſt facilely ſolved, the (not very eaſily ſolved) *Phænomena* of the *Heavens*; and ſo plainly proved the *motion* of the *Earth* to be an apparent *Phyſical truth*, that the very *Soul* of *Copernicus*, (the firſt Inventer of that Opinion, as to this later part of the World,) by a happy *Metempſychoſis*, ſeems to have *enlightned Him* to the *Demonſtration* thereof: and this by ſuch *unerring Axioms*, and moſt *conſpicuous verities*, that the (long embra-

Mr. *Wing* the Reviver, and Defender of the motion of the Earth in theſe later Times.

ced) *contrary Opinions*, with all the *insoluble systems* thereunto belonging, are quite out of Doors, and scarce so much as thought of now, (much less with pristine earnestness *defended*) by any of the most *able Astronomers* of this Age. So that, had the unfortunate *Bishop* of *Ratisbone*, but lived in our more *transparent* and *knowing times*, he had never *dyed a Martyr for so sure and sound a Truth.* Nay, had Saint *Augustine been contemporary with* Mr. Wing, *his doubt about Antipodes had been fully resolv'd.* May we not now (without vanity) aver, that *He* was the *Restorer of Astronomy* to this later Age: And not only so, but that he was so happy in his *attempts* of that kind, that he did *nothing* without *success?* Nay, I conceive I may (without offence) urge it, since others, (far more competent Judges of his *surpassing abilities* than my self) have done it before me.---- *That* Mr. Wing *hath performed more in, and toward the rectification and perfection of the Cœlestial Motions, than all the ingenious Mathematical heads in both Universities have of late Years done*; and for the same was honoured, and had in eminent esteem with *most* of the *best learned* in this our *British Nation.*

Among the many observables in Mr. *Wing*, this we may not omit in his *Praise*, and to his *Eternal Honour* let it be remembred:------- *That He was always a Loyal Person and good Subject, and in the worst of times, when it was esteemed a Crime*

Crime to be obedient to a lawful Prince and Sovereign, and so much the fashion to be Anarchical and Rebellious; Mr. Wing *was so conscientiously just, as always to own his Allegiance:* accounting it far better to perform a *vow* made to *God* on the behalf of his *Prince*, than nimbly and unchristianly to *swallow Perjury:* (a Sin the very *Heathen* would disdain and protest against!) and although the *times* he was necessitated to live in, afforded him many *great* and *unhappy examples* to that *unloyal* and *ungodly purpose*, yet, he still continued his *integrity* and *duty*; as *well knowing, that Treason against our Sovereign, is equal to Sacrilege against our Saviour.*

Vide his many *Almanacks* wrote in the times of our late *Rebellion:* when *he might* have sided against his Sovereign with applause, and gain; as well as some other *Almanack-writers*; but you find (by them) he was too Loyal for such degenerous & impious actions, or practices.

Indeed, Mr. *Wing*, had, not only a just and *Loyal Heart*, but a good and *Loyal Nativity* to shew and to signify it. There was when he was *born*, in the *Heavens* a happy *Trine* between the *Lady* of the *Ascendent* and *Governess* of the *Medium Cæli.* We know it is as Natural for *some Persons* to be repugnant and opposite to *Government*, and to their *Prince* or *Governor*, as for *some Children* or *Servants*, to be *disobedient* or *rebellious* to their *Parents* or *Masters.* The *reason* whereof, is (perhaps) *a secret in Astrologie, and scarce known to the best of Artists.* It may be worthy thanks to divulge it; and it is this.----- That, *as the gentle and amicable Rayes between the Lords of the Medium Cæli and Horoscope, make loyal and dutiful Persons or Subjects, so their unfriendly beames to each other, create*

☞ *Nota bene.*

Rebels, Incendiaries, and unloyal Perſons. The ingenious *Genethliacal Aſtrologer* may ſpare me the trouble of *Inſtances*, he can eaſily prove the *truth* hereof himſelf.

Albeit, Mr. *Wing* was a Man of *ſuch admirable parts* as you have heard, yet he was the *leaſt admirer of his own abilities* of any Man in the World; but ſtill induſtrious to improve them. His deſire was ſo ſtrong after *Study*, that he even neglected himſelf for it's ſake, and for the great contentment he took therein. And though his attainments were *great*, yet was he known more to *lament* and *bemoan* his *defects* and *imperfections*, than any way to *boaſt* of his *skill*. He was no way *Oſtentatious*, but on the contrary, very *humble*; and had nothing of the *Phariſaical temper* or *humour*, but like the *Laden Ear* in *Harveſt*, ſtill bent his head downward; and (with the *Peacock*) more often *look'd* upon his *Feet*, than his *Plumes*: being ever obſerved in all company, to give unto others the *precedence*, or *right hand*, which perhaps did not *inherit* the hundreth part of his *underſtanding* and *knowledge*.

But now, although he was of ſo ſelf-denying a temper and diſpoſition, and never apt to *begin quarrels* or *contentions* with any Man; yet hath it been his fortune (againſt his inclination) to be *engaged* in *differences*: he having been (by ſome *ambitious* and *troubleſome Perſons*) publickly *abuſed* in *Print*: by *two* eſpecially, who

who have, (after their heaping upon him undeſerved reproaches,) in an *impudent* and *ſhameleſs* manner, *made uſe of his works*, to dreſs and furniſh out *their own*; and this without crying *Peccavi*, or ſeeking of a reconciliation from him. To ſignifie || which hard meaſure from his (unexpected, as well as undeſerved) *Antagoniſts*, he hath, in his Nativity, *Mars* (an angry Planet) Lord of his *Seventh Houſe*, poſited in *Virgo*, *Retrograde* in the *Twelfth Angle*, which hath ſignification of *ſcandal* and *detraction*, &c. And the *Moon*, *Cum cauda Draconis*; and in *Quadrate* of *Mercury* in the *Seventh Houſe*; a place denoting *publick Adverſaries*, *ſtrifes* and *contentions*, &c. apt and proper Arguments hereof, as any *Aſtrologer* muſt needs *underſtand* and *acknowledge*. More plain and *ſpeaking teſtimonies* of the *Malice of Enemies*, cannot in any *Nativity* be found: as if Mr. *Wing* had been born into the World on purpoſe (in matters of controverſie) to *encounter Men* of *brutiſh Principles* and *Conditions*.

|| *Dominus ſeptimæ in duodecima diſſenſiones decernit cum inimicis.* Argol.

Howbeit, it is eminently known, that Mr. *Wing* was of *courage ſufficient*, and capable for to *reſent* an *injury*; and would (upon any good occaſion) be ſo *juſt* to himſelf, (and to the *truths* that the World was made partaker of, by his happy *Pen* and *Pains*;) as to give his *Enemies* to underſtand he did not *wear his Soul without him*; (Who ever did, that had the grand ſignificators of his Nativity ſtrong?) but could eaſily

ly *vindicate* himself from their causleſs *cavils*, and *ſcomma's*, and their want of *ingenuity* and *charity* towards *him*. And when (beyond reaſon) *provoked*, he did accordingly, (with a ſpirit of *ſoberneſs*) reply unto thoſe his *Antagoniſts*; who were ſo *bold* and *daring* to attempt the *leſſening* of *his unblemiſh'd Fame and Reputation*, to (do that which was indeed impoſſible, and therefore I ſpare their Names;) make way thereby for the *advancement of their own*. He alſo hath the *Virgins Spike* aſcending, and the *Moon* with the *Stars* of *Apollo*: and could not (from thence) but have a *great Spirit*, and be readily *apprehenſive*, though not *revengeful* of *injuries*: And would therefore (in caſes of difference) only endeavour to *acquit himſelf*, but *not calumniate* his *adverſaries*. And therefore we may ſay of him, as it was of another in a like caſe, *Non ſilet, & ſilet*: He might be ſaid to be *ſilent and paſſive toward his Enemies* in *reſpect of revenge, but not in regard of reproof*. And ſurely herein he is no more to be *cenſured*, than the *harmleſs Worm* for turning again, when it is moſt *churliſhly* and *injuriouſly trod* on.

Seneca ſaith that a man hath ſo much wit, as he hath anger. And St. *Paul* alloweth of anger; ſo that it be limited, and not tranſported with a deſire of revenge. *Epheſ.* 4.

Nor was Mr. *Wing* ſingular, or alone, in partaking of the *malice of Enemies*, or of being unworthily traduced. Mr. *Wing*'s *Saviour* (who had the ſame* *Aſcendent* with him) was ſo ſerved before him. *The brighteſt Sun attracts the baſeſt and moſt envious exhalations.* The great *Hippocrates*

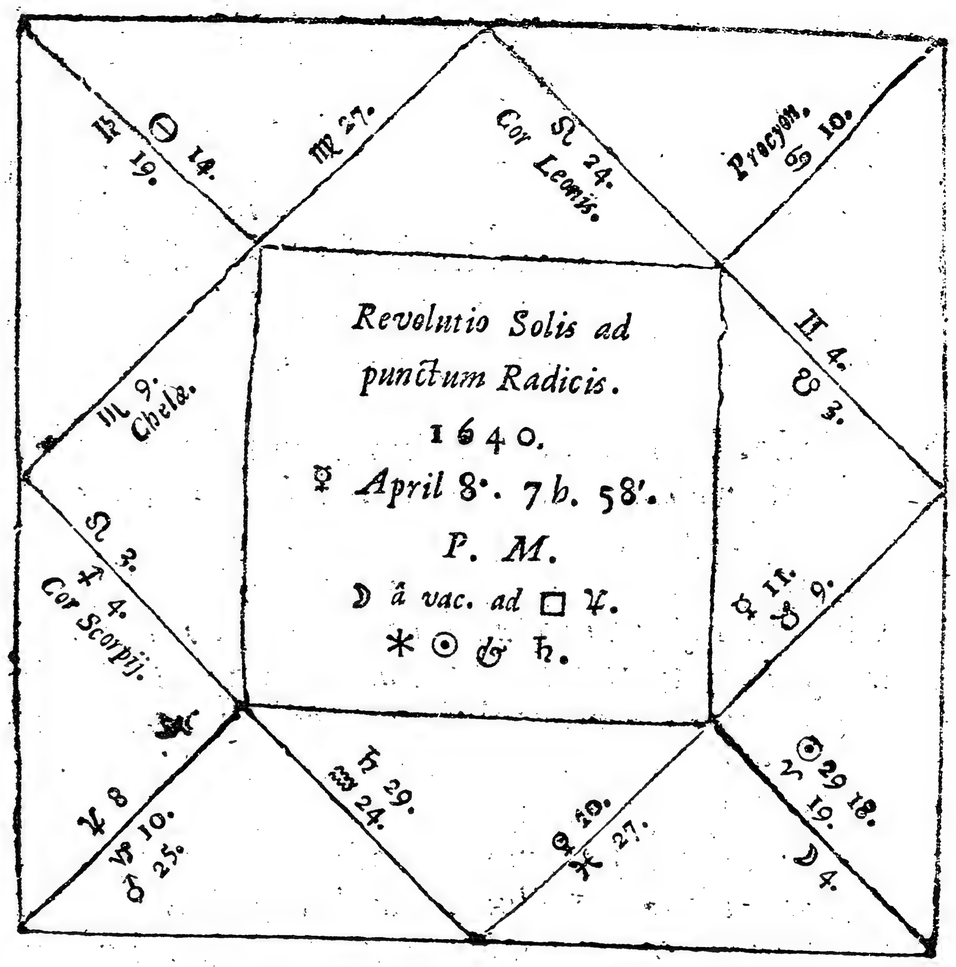
**Vide, Cardan, in Coment. Ptol. Morinus, in Aſtrol. Gallica. Gregor:*, in Notes on Scripture. Card. *Aliac.* &c

Hippocrates had a *Theſſalus* to oppoſe him; and *Divine Homer* met with a *Momus* and *Zoilus*. And we know, that there are as many *Nebulous* and *Cloudy-Starrs* in the ~~Eighth~~ *Sphear*, as there be *Glorious* and *Shineing ones*. No *Truth* in *Heaven* or *Earth*, but hath its *Anti-truth*. No *Day* without its *Shadow*; or *Diamond* that wants it *foyl*. Never was any *Perſon famous* for any thing yet, but as he met with *Favourites*, ſo he found *Detractors*. And what *excellency* can we name or think of, that hath been *free* from *oppoſition* or *interruption*? And therefore it is no wonder, that a man ſo *popular* as Mr. *Wing*, hath met with his *Share* of *affronts* and *abuſes*: it ſhould rather have been *Recorded* a *Miracle* for *him* to have *miſſed* them. But Mr. *Wing was too great a Philoſopher, and too good an Aſtrologer* to be concerned or troubled at *ſuch vanities*. It was a ſatisfaction to *him* ſufficient, to know that he had *juſtly* and *fairely* demonſtrated and advanced the *Truth* of what he *Studied*, and therein diſcharged a *good mind*. And he having met with the *approbation* and *thanks* of the *moſt judicious* and *knowing*, for his *great pains* and *induſtry*, looked upon the *ignorant and falſe attempts* of his *adverſaries* to be *too ſinewleſs to impare his worth, and their hatred too imbecil and truthleſs to torment or diſcompoſe him*.

When Mr. *Wing* first appeared upon the Stage of the world.

He appeared first upon the *Theatre* of the *world* in the *two* and *twentieth year current* of *his Age*; beginning then to *Write* and *Print* his *Annual Books* or *Almanacks*; and as a fit *direction* for the favouring of such a purpose, the *Sun* then came *ad Sextilem Veneris in Tauro*: *She* being *Governess* of his *Ascendent*, and one of the *Almutens* of his *Geniture*; and the *Sun* (the Grand Patron of *publick Fame* and *Glory*) located in *Septimâ Domo*, the *great Angle of business* and *action*. And (that which is as remarkable) together with so favouring a *Direction*, he had a very *auspicious Revolution* for that year; as you may behold by the following *Scheam* thereof.

In



In this *Cœlestial Figure*, you see the *Lords* of the *Horoscope* and *Medium Cœli*, are in their *sublimities* or *exaltations*, and in a short *quadrate* to each other, equivalent to a *Sextile*; and the one of them in *Trine* to the *Midheaven*, and the other casts the same Aspect to the ἀγαθοδαίμων, or *eleventh* Angle; and Royal

fixed Stars (or the prime Cuſps of the *Scheam.* The Lady of the Aſcendent at birth (as there) is *Almuten* of this *Revolution*, and herein returned to her *Radical place*, caſting a friendly *Sextile* to *Mercury* (the *Patron of Learning* and *Books*) in the *Seaventh Houſe*, and a *Trine* to the *Nineth*, and *Aſcendent.* It is in all reſpects a moſt admirable *poſition* of *Heaven*; and moſt properly agreeth unto the *happy* and *immortal effects* of this *Natives Pen.*

His writings univerſally eſteemed and embraced.

Indeed Mr. *Wings writings* found a moſt excellent *welcome* into the *World*, among all ſorts of *ingenious perſons*: even ſo great and happy an one, that (at length) in that year, wherein *Fifty Thouſand of his Almanacks have not ſold* or gone off, the *Company of Stationers* (as I have been credibly informed) have eſteemed it but a year of an *indifferent ſale.* So univerſally ſpreading was this *perſons Fame*, he beginning to *write* under ſo happy and *Favourable* a *Revolution* and *direction.* And theſe his *Annual Books* or *Almanacks*, he continued *twenty eight years* together; thereby making an *addition* to his *former Reputation*, but never growing leſs, or looſing of any his *once purchaſed Honour.* He ſtill *gained ground*, but never *loſt* any; and not only his *Almanacks*, but his other more *laborious writings* alſo, met with a very happy *entertainment* and *ſucceſs*: So that in *truth*,

Truth, all perſons that have *Printed* and *ſold* his works, as well as *thoſe* that have *bought* and *read* them, are *Debtors to his memory and pains. And the Book-ſeller and Printer as well as the Aſtronomer muſt mourn the unhappy loſs of Mr.* Wing.

But now, Mr. *Wing* was not only a good man, and ſingular good *Artiſt*, but he was a *kind* and *loving Neighbour*: and for his temperate and ſober *behaviour* and *demeanor*, was *infinitely beloved* of all thoſe he lived among: as well of the more *Ruſtical* and *unpoliſhed* ſort of *people* (which generally look upon *Aſtrologers as Conjurers*, *and Mathematicians as Mad-men*;) as of *thoſe* of the *beſt quality* and *breeding*; obliging the *latter* by his *Ingenuity* and *Induſtry* in *Science*; and the *former* by his *Humility*, and *readineſs* at all times to do them *good.* So that the *meaner ſort* of people were always ready to *ſerve him*; and the *better ſort* of *Perſons* * to *aſſiſt* and *encourage him* in any of his *Studious attempts.* He was a *Serious Cordial Friend*, and hard to be removed in *affection* when once he had ſettled it upon any man; and when he was neceſſitated to be an *Enemy*, (being naturally ſo great a lover of Peace and Friendſhip) it was as great *a trouble* to him, as the *knowledge of Letters* was (pretended to be) to a *Noble Roman*, when he came to ſigne

* *Dominus Aſcendentis cum domino Medij Cæli dat honeres, & Principum, (aut Magnatum) familiaritates.* Ptol. par. p. 132.

the *death* of any *Offendor*. In his greateſt provocations, and from the very *worſt* of his *Enemies*, (as I am informed) he would admit of a *Reconcilement* upon the *eaſieſt terms* imaginable: he ever loved to *preſerve* Amity and *Friendſhip*, and to *cruſh* or *baniſh Enmity* and *Hatred*.

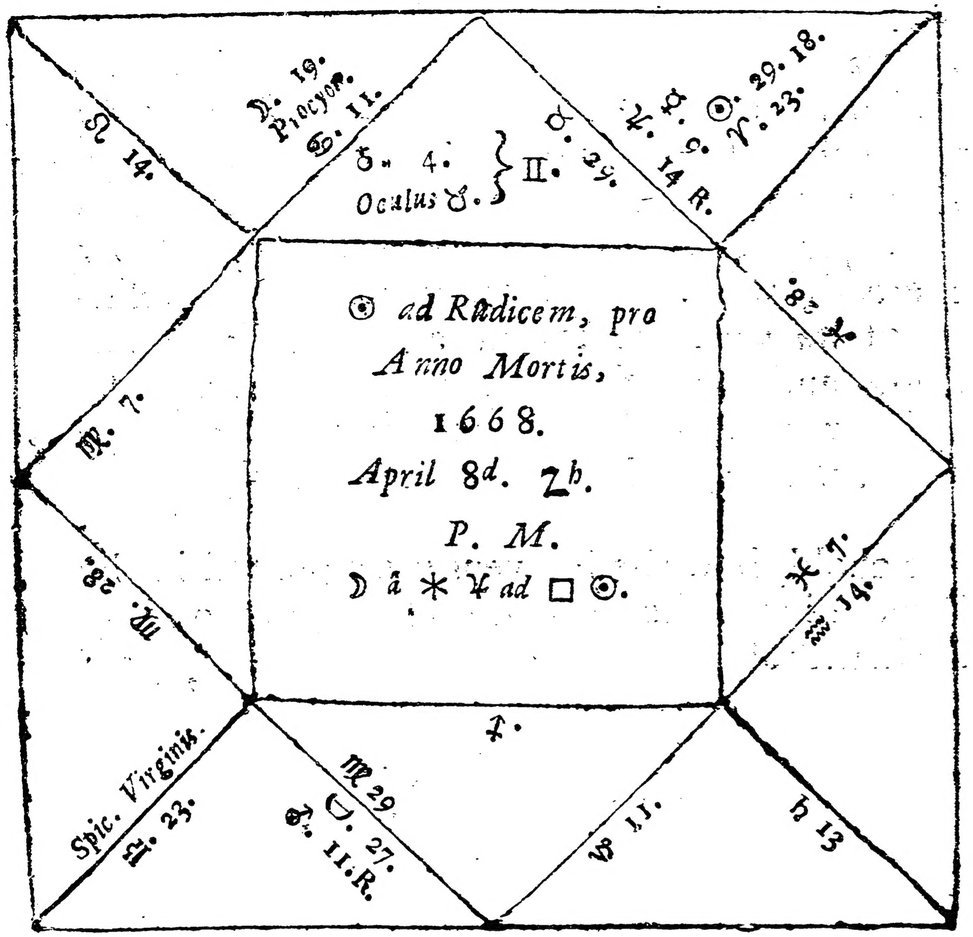
He was likewiſe known to be a moſt *careful* and *loving Husband*, and a *Kind* and *Indulgent Father*; as appeared both in the *Prudent* government of his *Family* in his *Lifetime*, and by his diſpoſeing and ordering of things at his *Death*, for the good of his *Relict* and *Children*: that they might not (after his Deceaſe) turn *Wolves* and *Tygers* each to other; as in *too many very good Families* (for want of ſuch care and foreſight) it is, God knows, *too frequently ſeen*; and (when paſt remedy) *too vainly lamented*.

Laſtly, Mr. *Wing* was a man ſo *naturally made for* Action, and ſo much abominating *Remiſſeneſs* and *Dulneſs*; that to follow his *employments*, he often *hazzarded* his much to be *prized Health*: he having for near *thirty years* together, been conſtantly upon *buſineſs*, riding *early* and *late*, in all kinds of *weather, wayes, and ſeaſons*, which (*ſine Dubio*) was the *propinquate cauſe* (at length) of a very great *Hoarſneſs*, which began to ſeize him

him violently in the beginning of the *forty-nineth year of his* Age, it being a year *Climacterical*: which *Hoarſneſs* was (after ſome interval of time) attended with a *Conſumption* and *Catarrhe*; whereof in the moneth of *September*, 1668. and the twentieth day thereof, when the Moon was in an oppoſition of *Saturn*, he ended all his *Tedious Labours* and Travels, with this his *Terreſtrial Pilgrimage*: And ſo, receiving an *exchange* to a *better Life*, is now at *Reſt* with God.

Behold, how the Heavens were poſited in the Revolution of the Year of his Death; as you may ſee in the following *Sceam*.

Herein



Herein you ſee the *Lord* of the *Aſcendent*, and *Lord* of the *Eighth Houſe* are applying to a *Conjunction*, and this upon the Cuſpe of the *Eighth Houſe* in the *Radix*; and not only ſo, but they are both of them in a hateful *oppoſition* of *Mars*, and in *Quadrate* Aſpect of *Saturn*: and the *Lady* of the *Aſcendent* in the *Radix*, is, in this *Figure* returned to the place of *Saturn* and *Oculus Tauri*, who were radically placed in the Houſe of *Death*. *Saturn* alſo

alſo is by *Direction*, as well as *Poſition*, promittor of *Death* in this *Nativity*. All which are as ſo many *Trumpetters* of this *Natives approaching Fate*; which he (inſtead of being daunted at) welcomed with a great deal of *Chearfulneſs* even to the very laſt. And indeed no man that hath lived well and uprightly, & done good in his *Generation* (as Mr. *Wing* had done) need be *affraid of Death*, or of the knowledge of the *time thereof*. It was a *Bleſſing* that **Holy David* prayed for, and that St. *Paul deſired*: And although it may be the *Sinful mans Terror* and *Torture* to know it, it is the *Juſt mans Joy*.

* *Facut experiar*, Jehovah, *finem meum. menſura dierum meorum, quid ſit; experiar quam dunabilis ſum.* Pſal.

The *Direction* that Cut off *Life*, was the *Sun* to the *Body* of *Saturn*, viz. the meeting of the *Hylech* and *Anareta*, in an *Anaretical place* thus proved.

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Longitudo Solis—♈—29.		18.
Deſcenſio Obliqua———41.		27.
Longit. Saturni—♊— 6.		24.
Latit. Saturni merid: — 1.		51.
Declinatio Supra terram--19.		38.
Aſcenſio Recta Saturni--64.		51.
Differentia Aſcentionalis 26.		9.
Deſcenſio Obliqua Saturni-91.		0.
Arcus Directionis———49.		33.

If the Learned *Ptolomy* may be credited, (as indeed why ſhould he not, if he ſpeak truth?) when he ſayes, *Aphor.* 37. That thoſe perſons who have *Libra* or *Aries* Aſcending

at their *Birth*, ſhall (not need the envy of others to bring them to their ends, but) be the *unhappy cauſe* of their own *Deaths*: (although I believe, and all the world knows and is ſatisfied, that Mr. *Wing* was not *felo de ſe*, as *Lawyers* ſpeak, being of *better principles* than to commit a violence upon or againſt himſelf; yet,) I am convinced, that (in a charitable and juſt ſenſe,) he made the *Aphoriſme* good. For, we know his *Soul* was ſo ſet upon *buſineſs* (as before you have heard) that he *laboured*, not only *beyond his ſtrength*, even till the *laſt*, but *againſt* the *opinions* of *his Phyſicians*: not that he conceived in ſo doing, he any way did haſten or accelerate his *Death*, but becauſe he *hated Idleneſs*: being a man of ſo *unwearied a fancy*, that he was *Active*, and *working* to the *laſt*; and had not *Strength* and *Vigor* firſt *left him*, *he* had never *left* his *Employment*; for he *dyed labouring*, even in the *middeſt of his buſineſs*, as *well as his years*.

Quorum autem aſcendens erit Aries *aut* Libra, *hi mortis ſuæ cauſæ erunt.* Ptol. *Cent. Aphor.* 37.

The worthy *Albohali tells us*, that if the ſignificators of Death in any Nativity, ſhall be *in domibus vel exaltationibus ſuis*, *a malis liberi*, *erit mors ejus in parentes et proximos ſuos.* And ſo true we find his words, (for they take full place in Mr. *Wings Nativity*) that, as Mr. *Wings Life* did not *croſs* or *Contradict* the *Influences* of the *Stars*, neither did *his Death*. For *he* (as the *Holy Patriarch Jacob*) *dyed among his Relations*, *& received an honourable Interment.*

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On the Death of ſo many Eminent Aſtrologers, *and* Mathematicians; *and particularly on the Expiration of Mr.* Vincent Wing.

OUr *Mirth* and *Pleaſures* leave us for a *ſpace*,
While *Sighs* and *Tears* uſurp upon your *place*:
Behold the *Wounds* the *Stars* do give *their Friends*!
"The *Fates* ſpare *none*, may bring about *their Ends*.
Firſt, they force *Loyal Neve* reſign his *Breath*:
Next, *Learned Fisk* compel to yield to *Death*:
Then, the great *Oughtred* (in a goodly Age,
His part being done) they *hurrey* off the *Stage*:
Culpeper follows: [The *Phyſicians Foe*!]
All *Aſtrologians* ſurely are not ſo.
And painful *Booker* too, they take to's reſt.
" *Angels* themſelves ſubſcribe—*Ac Mortuus eſt*.
But *Death* not ſatisfied, unleſs he,
Work a ſure *Famine* in *Aſtrology*,
And make the *world* with his *Maſſacres* Ring:
Hath laſt of all, remov'd *Laborious Wing*.
Sure *Death*'s turn'd *Courtier*, will not be deny'd
The thing he *covets*, though the *beſt man* Dy'd.
Ah! *Cruel Tyrant*! what *ill* haſt thou done,
To bleſs'd *URANIA*? her ſcarce *riſen Sun*
Muſt *ſet*, before it the *Meridian* Mount:
What ſhall we now, of *Fair Urania* Count?
She could have ſpar'd thee *Quacks* & *Fools* good ſtore;
Turn-coats and *Traitors* full as many more:
Which *Tribe*, thy hungry *Stomach* might ſuffice;
In taking *them*, thou'dſt ſav'd *URANIA'S eyes*:

But,

But, at her *Friends* to caſt thy envious Dart,
At once ſtrikes *Blind* and *Dead* her Eye and *Heart*.
No more *Aſtrologers*, ſince theſe are gone,
Trouble your *ſerious skill*, or thoughts upon
Poor *Mortals Life* and *Death*! Your Period's ſet;
And the *Alchocoden* that governs it,
Muſt veile to th' *Anareta*: All your pain,
Cannot from it the *meaneſt minute* gain!
" 'Tis *Natures* privilege to be ſevere:
" And let her *reign Triumphant* in her *Sphear*.

T. F. Aſtrophil.

Advertiſement.

Courteous Reader,

IN the foregoing *diſcourſe*, you are informed of the *Death* of the *Perſon* of Mr. *Wing*, but his *Fame*, that is ſtill *ſurviveing*; and this, not only in his own *Laborious pieces*, emitted into the world in his *Life* time; but in a *Son*, he left behind him, who *bears his own Name*: And is ſo far inclined to his *Fathers Studies*, that he hath for this preſent *year* 1670. wrote his Ὁλόμετα Δόμαλα, or *Almanack*; and (by Gods bleſſing) intends the *Annual continuance* thereof.

FINIS.